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## **99 Days Until the November 3, 2020, General Election; Secretary of State's Office Launches "Vote Safe California" Campaign**



**SACRAMENTO, CA** – With less than 100 days until Election Day, California voters are being encouraged to Vote Safe by voting-by-mail or voting early this fall. All registered California voters should begin to prepare by verifying their voter registration and signing up for ballot tracking now. The Secretary of State's office is launching [Vote Safe California](#) to educate the public on the safety, security, and ease of voting in the November General Election amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"All citizens in California will be able to Vote Safe this fall," Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. "Elections officials are expanding voting-by-mail and ballot tracking tools statewide, while also offering safe in-person early voting and Election Day options."

"My message to voters is simple—don't wait, prepare now. With less than 100 days until the General Election, you can take simple steps now to be ready to vote. It only takes a few minutes to confirm your voter registration information, make any necessary updates, and sign-up for ballot tracking. Taking these steps now will make the election smoother both for voters and elections officials," Padilla added.

Californians can:

- Check their voter registration information at [VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov](https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov)

- Make updates to their registration at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://RegisterToVote.ca.gov)
- Sign-up for ballot tracking at [WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](https://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov)
- Help us share our [#VoteSafeCA social media toolkit](https://VoteSafeCA.org)

### **Vote-by-Mail Ballots to be Sent to Every Active, Registered Voter**

Every active, registered voter living domestically will be mailed a ballot no later than 29 days prior to Election Day. Military and Overseas voters will be mailed their ballots 45 days before Election Day.

California is well positioned to expand vote-by-mail. More than 75 percent of California voters received a vote-by-mail ballot for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary.

No stamps, no problem. In California, every vote-by-mail ballot comes with a prepaid postage return envelope.

### **Verify Voter Status and Update Voter Registration**

Californians should begin to prepare for the General Election by confirming that their voter registration record is up to date. It is especially crucial that elections officials have a current registration, mailing address, and e-mail address on file. Voters can verify their registration at [VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov](https://VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov) and make any updates at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://RegisterToVote.ca.gov).

### **Expansion of Ballot Tracking Tool**

The Secretary of State's "Where's My Ballot?" tracking tool is expanding statewide. Voters can sign up at [WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](https://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov) for automatic updates on the status of their vote-by-mail ballot by text (SMS), email, or voice call.

### **Key Dates and Deadlines for the November 3, 2020, General Election**

<b>Certified List of Candidates &amp; Rotation List</b>	<b>August 27, 2020</b>
<b>Voter Information Guide Mailing Period</b>	<b>September 24 – October 13, 2020</b>
<b>Vote-By-Mail Ballot Mailing Period</b>	<b>October 5 – October 27, 2020</b>
<b>Last Day to Register to Vote Online</b>	<b>October 19, 2020</b>

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